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SUBJECT: TERRORISM: SUPREME COURT REJECTS APPEAL OF BSO
TERRORISTS

REF: ATHENS 1479

1. GREEK SUPREME COURT (AREIOS PAGOS) ANNOUNCED ITS
DECISION MARCH 23 TO REJECT APPEAL OF TWO BLACK SEPTEMBER
(BSO) TERRORISTS PREVIOUSLY SENTENCED TO DEATH (ATHENS 555)
FOR AUGUST 5, 1973 MASSACRE ATHENS AIRPORT. THIS DECISION
FOLLOWS BY TWO WEEKS THE COURT'S HEARING OF THE APPEAL
(REFTEL) AT WHICH DEFENSE ATTORNEYS HAD FAILED TO APPEAR.

2. IT GENERALLY ASSUMED HERE THAT COMMITTEE ON PARDONS
OF MINISTRY OF JUSTICE WILL NOW DECIDE WHETHER TO COMMUTE
DEATH SENTENCES TO LIFE IMPRISONMENT AS PRELIMINARY STEP
EXPELLING TERRORISTS FROM GREECE. COMMITTEE ON PARDONS STRUCTURE
LIES OUTSIDE OF JUDICIAL ARM GOG AND ITS DECISION WOULD BE
CONSIDERED GOG POLICY DECISION.
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